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Applicant: Harold Kleanthous et al. Art Unit: 1645  
Serial No.: 09/895,913 Examiner: V. Portner  
Filed: June 29, 2001 Customer No.: 21559  
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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND  
INTERFERENCES UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.191

Applicants respectfully appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated February 26, 2003, in which the Office rejected claims 1-5 and 30-35, and objected to claims 6, 7, and 37, of the above-captioned patent application. These claims were previously rejected in the parent application U.S. Serial No. 08/881,227, filed June 24, 1997 (now abandoned).

Enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is a Petition to extend the period for replying to the Office Action for three months, to and including August 26, 2003.

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